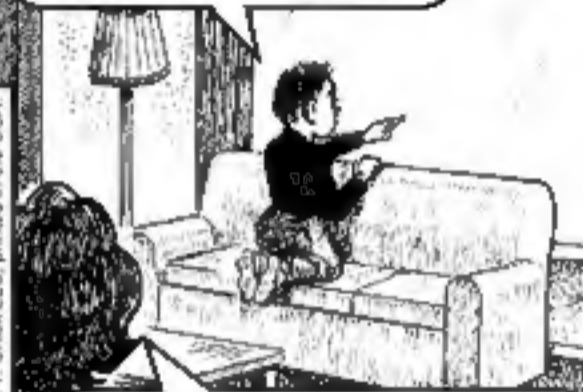




**SPOOKY**

J.T.C.

Aunt Sarah, what's that  
guy doing next door?




He's getting ready for  
Halloween! He usually makes  
his home into a haunted house.

Mr. Hill gets a little  
spooky this time of year.




Can I go outside  
and see what  
he's doing?

Sure, Sam!




Is that a grave you're digging, Mister?

Of course! Doesn't it look like it?  
You from around here, kid?



I'm visiting Aunt Sarah for a week.



Good! Then you can come visit my haunted house on Halloween!

Come on, help me carry my giant, hairy spider out of my garage.

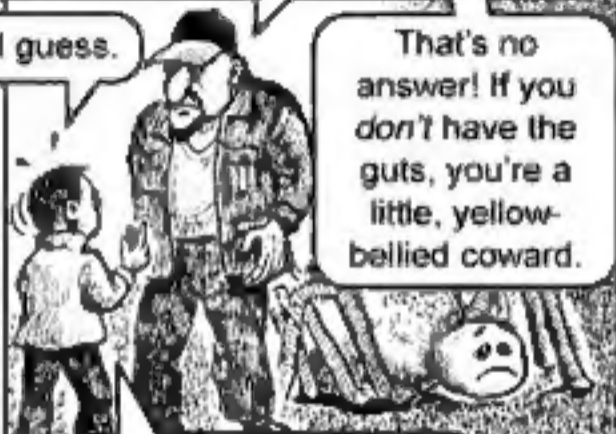
Why this  
big spider?



It's to scare little kids,  
and find out who's brave  
and who's a sissy.

You did good! Hey, you're coming to my  
haunted house on Halloween, right?

I guess.



That's no  
answer! If you  
don't have the  
guts, you're a  
little, yellow-  
bellied coward.

Gotta go, Mr. Hill. Bye!

Two days later



It's sure looking spooky, Aunt Sarah!

I don't want you coming over here, Sam. He's very strange.



I've gotta go on Halloween night. Please let me! It's so important. *I just gotta!*

If I don't, he'll laugh at me!  
*Please?*

I don't like this, Sam. I'll take you, but I'll wait out front.

Halloween night

Don't be afraid little boy. Come on in.

I'm really scared.

Do you know who's birthday this is?

No, whose?

The *Devil's!* Haw haw haw. And he's gonna get you. Move on!

Help me, somebody!  
Yaaaaah

Thump  
Thump  
Thump

Gasp!


So, you *did* come! Good for you.  
You've got *guts*, kid! Grab some  
candy on the way out! Look out for  
the snake. Haw Haw Haw! ...Next!

Th... th... thank  
you, sir!



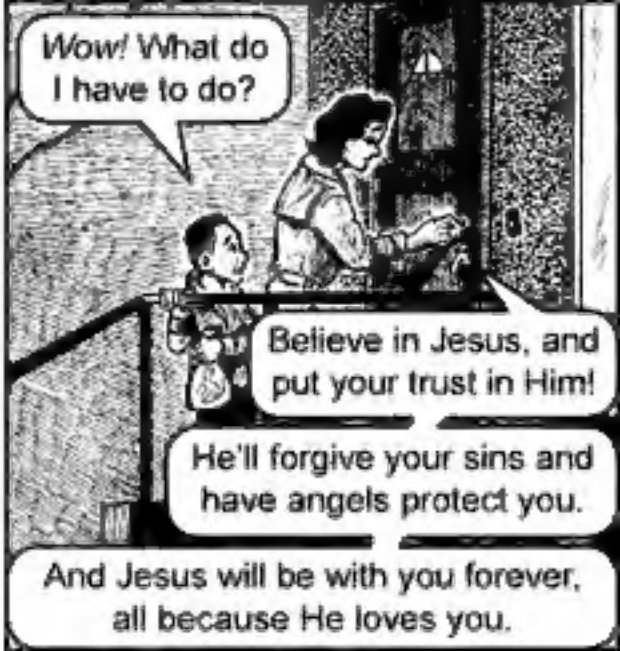


In the haunted house, that big, scary witch said the Devil's gonna get me! Is he gonna get me, Aunt Sarah?



Not if you do what the Bible tells us to do, Sam.

Then the Devil will *never* get you!



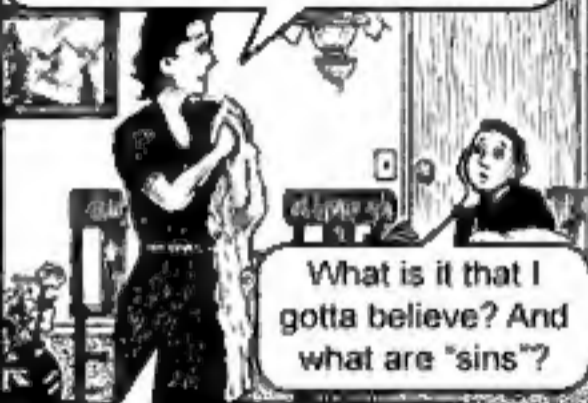
Wow! What do I have to do?

Believe in Jesus, and put your trust in Him!

He'll forgive your sins and have angels protect you.

And Jesus will be with you forever, all because He loves you.

God made it so simple, because He really cares about little kids.



What is it that I gotta believe? And what are "sins"?

All people, even boys and girls, do naughty things and God knows all about it.

That's called sin. If we can't get rid of it, God won't let us into heaven.



*Ugh!* That's scary, Aunt Sarah!

But God did something special for us, Sam...

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

God allowed His Son to be born as a baby He chose a young virgin lady, who'd never been with a man



And put His Son inside her

And the baby Jesus was born.



When the Devil found out what happened he was furious



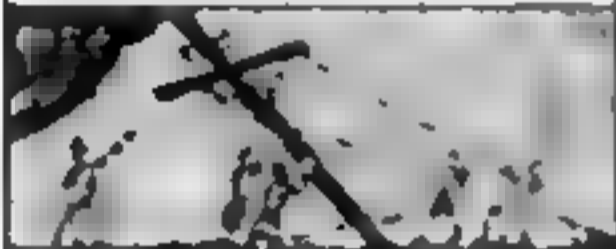
But Jesus Father up n heaven stopped the Devil from killing baby Jesus so He could grow up and save us.

As an adult Jesus told the people about God and how they should turn from their sin\* and trust Him instead



But most people liked sinning. They hated Jesus and wanted Him dead.  
\*Repent

The Devil's people had Jesus arrested and hurt Him real bad and put Him on a cross.



But God's Son Jesus came here to take our place and give up His life for us.

That's why we should turn from our sins and trust in Him. He died for us so we can live.

He let Himself be nailed to a cross and shed His blood to wash away our sins



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This was God's great love gift. All who believe in Jesus and that He died for them can have all their sins forgiven

All those who hate Jesus and won't take His love gift will end up with the Devil



Down in a lake of fire — forever

Do you believe Jesus died for you Sam?

Yes Aunt Sarah

Do you want Him to save you?

I sure do!

Then tell Him you believe Him, and ask Him to forgive you and come into your heart

But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12

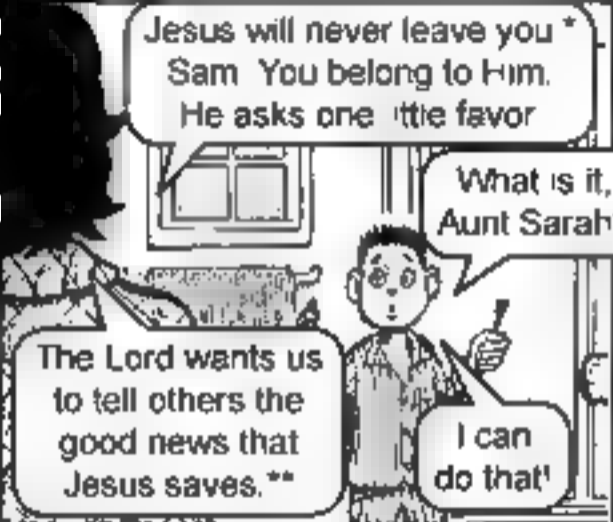
And he did!

Thank You for forgiving my sins

I love you Lord Jesus!

God forgave little Sam and saved Him from the Devil's grasp

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Col 1:13



Jesus will never leave you \*  
Sam You belong to Him.  
He asks one little favor

What is it,  
Aunt Sarah?

The Lord wants us  
to tell others the  
good news that  
Jesus saves.\*\*

I can  
do that!

\*See Heb. 13 5-8  
\*\*"Go ye into all the world, and preach the  
gospel to every creature" Mark 16 15



Following day

Hey, kid!

Hi, Mr Hill!

What happened?  
You don't look  
scared anymore.  
haw haw!

I'm not I came to  
ask you to go to  
church with me

Are you  
nuts?

That's not an answer!

Why? Are you afraid to go?

There's no way you'd ever get me in church!

I'm ok see? There's plenty of people worse than me

I'm a good man!

Wow. Mr Hill you're not as brave as I thought!

Well you sound like a big sissy!

What do you mean?

If you don't go with us tomorrow, I'll know you're just a big phony





Sunday morning

Get in the car Mr Hill  
We re going to church.

I knew you d  
back out

I can't go I'm  
not dressed

Are you just a gutless  
yellow-bellied coward?



Hey —Who are you calling a coward?  
Nobody talks to me like that!



Move over I'm  
coming with you

What am I doing? This is crazy I swore I'd never set foot in a church

Nothing that preacher says will make me change I'll show them how strong I am!

Do a miracle  
Lord Jesus

Lord, please  
show him the  
danger he's in

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You never know when it's your time to die. This may be your only chance to be saved.

Move it, kid, I gotta go to the bathroom!

No! You're just trying to run away!

Too chicken to go forward?


"...behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2

Stop him, Lord!

Jesus is calling

Gasp!

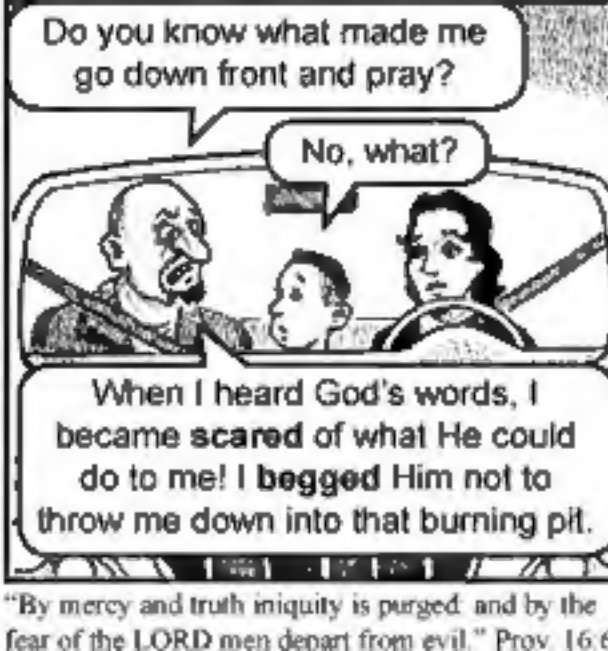
What's happening to me?

A black and white cartoon illustration. On the right, a man in a dark suit and glasses stands with his hands outstretched, looking towards a man on the left. The man on the left is balding with a large nose, wearing a dark jacket, and is kneeling on the ground with his hands clasped in prayer, looking up at the man in the suit. The background shows a simple outdoor setting with a fence and some foliage.

I see visions of demons and fire. I can hear people screaming. I can't get it out of my head!

Preacher, you gotta help me! What do I gotta do?

Repent and trust Jesus.

A black and white cartoon illustration. A man with a large nose and a distressed expression is leaning out of the driver's side window of a car. He is talking to a woman sitting in the passenger seat and a young child sitting in the back seat. The woman has a concerned expression, and the child looks surprised. The car's interior and steering wheel are visible.

Do you know what made me go down front and pray?

No, what?

When I heard God's words, I became scared of what He could do to me! I begged Him not to throw me down into that burning pit.

"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." Prov. 16:6

Horrible things must go on down there! Hell is beyond 'spooky'...



I'm too big a coward to face that nightmare, so I turned to Jesus to save me, and He did!

...So make your choice.



**Jesus Christ**

OR



**Satan**

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

Do you believe Jesus died for your sins?      YES      NO  
     

Did you ask Him to come into your heart to save you?      YES      NO  
     

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you didn't, please read the next page.

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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